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  - 27) RCA Multicoupler  
by "James C. Garland" <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>

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but that is do-able.  
tnx, hue ka7lxy

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Scott sez:

>One of the things to check in such an alignment is to verify that the IF  
>bandpass characteristic is reasonably constant over large signal level  
>changes. Since the AVC changes the DC plate currents of the IF amps, the  
>permeabilities and therefore inductances of the IF tranny cores may change  
>a little with signal strength, changing the filter shape. Sometimes you  
>need to optimize for the signal strength you are most interested in. For  
>instance, you probably won't be using the a 10 KHz wide filter for very  
>weak signals.

Yes Scott the AVC level can affect the IF and RF alignment. Not only by changing the inductance in the tuned circuits due to changes in plate current, but also by the change in tube input capacitance caused by variations in plate current. As usual The Radiotron Designers Handbook covers the topic. It's quite a complicated effect, but in general it is related to the density and distribution of the electron cloud between the grid and the cathode. Changes in these parameters as well as changes in Gm cause changes in tube input capacitance. Of course the AVC does change these parameters. There is an optimum value of cathode resistor to minimize these effects. Anyone interested, see page 1061-1064 of the fourth edition. I highly recommend the Radiotron Designers Handbook to all list members, it covers just about everything related to tubes, its not easy to read, but it's worth the effort. It's available in CD ROM format now.

Bob

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Subject: Re: Tek 585A Problems  
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Hi all,

don merz wrote:

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> Hi. I am struggling to understand some Tek 'scope oddities and I need your help.  
> I recently picked up a batch of older Tek gear including 2 585A scopes, an 82  
> plug-in, 2 81 adapters and several letter-series plug-ins. Most of this stuff

> works, after a fashion...

What a lucky guy you are....

> Oddity #1: Both 585A 'scopes cut off the trace at the top and bottom of  
> the screen. Once the trace gets larger than about 2" high, it starts to be cut  
off. I don't think this is normal behavior. But they both do  
> it exactly the same way.

You're describing the "shadow" of the horizontal deflection plates! Those old 'scopes have round screens and flat deflection plates. When the beam is deflected too far up or down it hits the horizontal plates and disappears from the screen. You will notice the graticule is plus and minus 3 CM (I think) for this reason and does not go up to the top of the screen. This was one of the compromises that came with faster vertical systems in the days of vacuum tube technology.

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> Oddity #2: The one 585A works great with the 82 plug-in, no problem.

<snip>

Sorry, can't help you with this one - unfortunately I have yet to acquire my first 580 series and 81 plugin!

73 de Morris VK3DOC

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Hi again,

On re-reading this it sounds confused..

> You're describing the "shadow" of the horizontal deflection plates!

What I mean is the \*physically\* horizontal plates that are connected to the \*electronic\* vertical deflection system!

Morris

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Jim Garland W8ZR <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>  
Subject: National LF-10 preselector

Hi Gang,

I picked up a National LF-10 preselector for my HRO-500 today. It came out of an estate, along with the original manual. The guy who bought it from the estate only wanted to keep the HRO-500 (which was a really nice, latest series radio. Sigh!)

The manual says LF-10A, but the front panel only says LF-10. I wonder if anybody knows how to tell the LF-10 and the LF-10A apart? The photo in the manual shows four knobs on the left of the unit, with a wider space between knobs three and four. On my preselector, the four knobs are evenly spaced.

I tried out the LF-10 and it seems to work well. There isn't much in it but some tuned circuits an amplifier stage, and a speaker. (Even so, that's more than is in the Collins 55G-1 preselector, about which collectors go really nuts.) The preselector is in great condition, EXCEPT that one of the spun aluminum inserts is missing from a knob. Anybody got a knob from a junker HRO-500 that they'd part with? I know I won't sleep until I find the damn knob.

Thanks,

Jim Garland W8ZR

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> speed for critical bandpass alignments. also, i would have to  
> add more turns to lower the tuning range of the swept osc. circuit,  
> but that is do-able.

There is a DC bias supply putting a current through the modulation winding of the "vari-ductor". Without it the sweep would be highly non-linear. You can adjust the bias as a fine tuning control if you want. Your sweep rate, therefore, can be as slow as DC.

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From: ray <rcmorris@mars.ark.com>  
Subject: CR91A value  
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Greetings Group,

I've just been handed the task of helping dispose of some estate articles that belonged to a ham. I know the approximate value of most of them but the fair market value of an RCA CR91a in unknown internal condition eludes me.

Anyone have a ballpark figure for this one?  
TIA.

73.....Ray. VE7FBJ.

<http://mars.ark.com/~rcmorris/>

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Subject: AP numbers  
Date: Mon, 26 Apr 1999 18:57:03 +1000

Gang,

Is there a list somewhere of the Admiralty Pattern (AP)

numbers and what the items are?

Cheers

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visit my military radio page  
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From: Jim Garland W8ZR <[4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu](mailto:4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu)>  
Subject: Drake DSR-1 receiver

Hi Gang,

Does anybody know about this receiver? An acquaintance called me and said he bought one as part of an estate sale. He plans to sell it at Dayton, but doesn't know what it's worth, or even if it's collectable. All I know about it is that it is in very good condition, has a nixie tube display, and is general coverage. I think he said the s/n was 022, which makes me think not many were made. I don't think I've ever seen one. Does it use vacuum tubes? With nixie tubes, it could be either tube or transistors.

73,

Jim W8ZR

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It is solid state except for the display tubes.

The DSR-1 and 2 were "lab" receivers as advertised by R.L. Drake. There were commercial marine versions of at least the latter.

The PTO range was only 100 kHz as I recall, but the receivers are listed in Osterman's tome.

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Cc: [boatanchors@theporch.com](mailto:boatanchors@theporch.com)  
Subject: Re: CR91A valu

Ray isn't that the Canadial LF version

follow-on version to the AR-88? If so I'd guess \$150 as-is, \$250 playing for a 70 pct. appearance factor - scale up or down accordingly.

& be carefull about "just plugging it in," as an AR88 set I once had packed the electrolytics in a square can I thot was oil-filled.

Remove all tubes except rect. (5U4?), lift bleeder R off gnd., and series 20K WW from rect. to rest of B+ & let caps come up to electrolytic WV (if they re-form at all)

Then spot bad bypass or two, plug in tubes, & try for Radio Habanna on 4995.

Marty

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To: Old Tube Radios <[boatanchors@theporch.com](mailto:boatanchors@theporch.com)>  
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Hi,

If anyone has a manual (or at least a schematic) for this early Japanese BA I would like to obtain one. It has a VFO or VFO switching problem in that



it works with external input (another use for the MFJ 259 antenna analyzer!)  
but not on internal.

Thanks,  
Rodger WQ9E

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According to Fred Osterman "Shortwave Receivers Past & Present"  
it is very scarce and has a value of about \$800 to \$950. It is  
a solid state double conversion (50.5 MHz and 50kHz) receiver,  
switchable bandwidth 0.4 kHz to 6.0 kHz, AM, LSB, USB, ISB and CW.  
It was manufactured between 1969 and 1974.

73

Heinz - KF6FNC

Jim Garland W8ZR wrote:

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> Jim W8ZR

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Looking for a source to purchase the operation and technical manuals for the R725/  
URR.

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Looking for a good source for Hallicrafter parts. In particular, need a BCB  
antenna coil for an HQ-145A.

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Guys

Fingers got ahead of the brain again. It's Hammarlund parts I need, not Hallicrafters.

Looking for the BCB coil for the HQ-145A.

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Can anybody tell me if there is an equivalent to the 4H4-C voltage regulator tube? Is the 6V6GT one? I can't find the 4H4 listed in any of my tube manuals.

Thanks.

Matt WB2VZS

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Richard Post <post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>  
Subject: Info needed on Swan 175

Anchorites,

I have a request from John Cornwell, NC8V for information / copy-manual on a Swan 175 which was given to the Athens County Amateur Radio Association (ACARA). He wants to go over it thoroughly before using it as a Club loaner. Can anyone help John in this Elmering endeavor? John has been instrumental in getting a number of area folks started in ham radio, in most cases directly to the Tech Plus level. The 175 is not listed on the BAMA site.

73 es tnx de Rich KB8TAD

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Boatanchor Pix website - KB8TAD  
<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/>  
<mailto:postr@ohiou.edu>  
visit the Museum of Radio and Technology website  
<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/MRT/>

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Subject: Re: vintage mobile

Another favorite was Dave WORMV (Whisky 0 Rum Martini Vodka) who mounted a 5 element 6m beam atop his Rambler Wagon (Multi-Elmac gear inside). He mounted it vertically polarized and used it for transmitter hunts on 50.4 mc AM. Drove a few circles in a parking lot to get a heading and then off he went.

73 & Have Fun,  
Nick England KD4CPL    [nick@cs.unc.edu](mailto:nick@cs.unc.edu)    Univ. Of North Carolina  
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Don't overlook the possibility that it may have never worked. My old radio club had a donated FTdx-400 unit for that reason. It went through two hands, and it was donated to get it out of sight. One owner even sent it back to Yaesu for repair, and it came back worse than before! The biggest problem was inadequate VFO output, compounded by diode switching wherein you lose about 0.1 volt at each diode. Since there wasn't much VFO output in the first place, there wasn't much transmitter output. I added a (transistor) preamp after the VFO, bypassed the diode switching, and, with many other changes, it worked pretty decent. I also added the three WARC bands. After a lot of work it was a nice set.

Note also that General Electric 6KD6's are not interchangeable with other makes - the plate current runs away and fries the plate RF choke. That was one of the problems.

Tsch,fl  
Richard Brunner, AA1P, rbrunner@gis.net

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CC: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Tek 585A Problems

Stan's fine, visited him while I was out in Portland recently. He's starting work on a Tek museum wing to his shack. (He does have a LOT of oscilloscopes. Saw the Tek 661/4S1/5T3 I gave him.)

I think he's very busy with e-mail now that he's selling lots of stuff on eBay. Tek stuff, old phones, etc. His wife is selling "vintage lingerie" there quite profitably as well, using the same e-mail account. (They have 31 items on auction at the moment.) So, e-mail response is slow/spotty.

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CC: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Receiver alignment-What did the factory use?

I suspect that the manufacturers built special-purpose equipment for aligning receivers. Say, a bunch of rock-bound 455 kc oscillators. Or, even a central one with output amplifiers driving a cable to each workbench.

My former employer did similar things. They needed accurate 10 or 20 MHz at each alignment bench for LAN cards. At first they bought a Philips synthesizer for each bench. Then someone realized that was really stupid (\$\$\$), and setup a system of distribution amps, and a central oscillator. Heck, that way every table even had the same 10 MHz.

The HP stuff is for the design labs.

Well, I suppose it's used on MIL-SPEC production lines, but that's because of contract provisions requiring you to follow a specific procedure with specific equipment.

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Message-Id: <199904261802.LAA16731@crow.prod.itd.earthlink.net>  
Subject: Mil Stuff for sale  
Date: Mon, 26 Apr 1999 13:02:28 -0500  
From: "Joseph W. Pinner" <kc5ijd@sprintmail.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
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Glen is still clearing out unneeded items from the Military Museum here. The following are available. EMail me and I will get things back to Glen.

GRC-109A - both power supplies, receiver, transmitter, generator regulator cable, key, spares box with most of normal contents (some tubes, wrench, AC adapter, vibrator, insulators, wire, etc) and original manual. \$ 300 OBO. Glen says that the receiver and small PS are working OK.

Also have a extra T-784A and an older RT-3 transmitter for \$ 25 each.

PRC-74A - with RT, whip antenna /bracket, battery box, mike and original

-35 manual. \$ 600 OBO. It has been tested and is working OK.

CPRC-26 stuff - 3 RTs (two with crystals), 1 canvas bag, 5 spare handset cords, 4 counterpoises, 2 handsets, 2 antennas, 2 battery extender cables, 1 headset, 3 operating plates, and some spare modules. \$ 125 OBO.

Complete GRC-125 - PRC-25, AM-2060, MT-1029, MX-6707, antenna sections, cables, backpack frame, both whips, handset, and accessory bag. \$ 475.

NOS BB-451 w/fill kit. Used with PRC-41 and 47 among other. \$ 125 OBO.

Russian R-105 and R-108. Used/untested no accessories. \$ 75 each OBO.

All items are plus shipping and payment needs to be by Money Order.

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From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: The Great Marconi Caper  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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With the help of Phil Mills, Steve Davidek and others we recovered eight 6-foot-tall Canadian Marconi ship-to-shore 5000 watt transmitters from a dark and dirty old barn in central Texas. These RF units are part of Marconi transmitter type TH41B. Tank tuning caps bigger than a gallon milk jug. Some 807s drive four 813s, driving a pair of Westinghouse external-anode forced-air cooled tubes in P-P. The finals don't use sockets- they have straps that are individually clamped to the tube pins. Pretty cool.  
I'm working on the story to put up on my website this summer.

Is there any chance whatever that someone out there has any information on the Canadian Marconi TH41B maritime transmitters?



73 DE Dave Stinson AB5S  
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From: "ROBERT F. KEMP" <rkemp@mr.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: S-Meter for SX-101 needed  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone, by chance, have an s-meter out of a junked SX-101!

Could use one if you do.

Thanks.  
Bob.

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: "James C. Garland" <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>  
Subject: RCA Multicoupler

My RCA multicoupler arrived this morning, and I took a quick look at it during lunch hour. In case you haven't been following this recent thread, this device is known as a CU-5069, and is available for \$150 (Canadian) from: "W.J. Ford Surplus Enterprises" (testequipment@falls.igs.net).

The purpose of the multicoupler is to buffer a receiving antenna (entire HF spectrum covered) with parallel outputs to 32 different receivers.

The device is in a 19 in rack cabinet, about 4 inches high. The front panel controls consist of a toggle switch. On the back panel is one input BNC jack, 32 output BNC jacks, and a 3-prong Cannon power connector. No mating power connector or cord is supplied, though with a bit of filing it will be an easy matter to retrofit a standard 120V computer-type AC connector. No manual is supplied, either.

Inside the unit are four circuit boards on a slide-out subchassis, and a nice LV power supply (the xfmr is marked 28V). One of the circuit boards is

an input r.f. amplifier, presumably intended to provide a bit of gain and a bullet-proof front end (high 3rd order I.P.) The output of this amplifier (which appears to have a push-pull output stage) feeds the three other boards, each of which has 12 single transistor amplifier stages. I'm guessing these are probably emitter-follower unity-gain stages, or something similar, each with a 50 ohm output. Each of the transistors has a beautiful machined heat sink attached to it (TO-5 type), and the heatsinks alone are probably worth the price of the unit. The overall construction is military-grade quality.

Once I get a power cord on the unit, I'll check it out carefully for frequency response, etc., and report on my findings. Assuming it works as I hope, it will make a wonderful distribution center for my receivers. If you've been thinking of getting one of these, I recommend you act promptly, since I think the supply is running low.

73,

Jim garland W8ZR

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